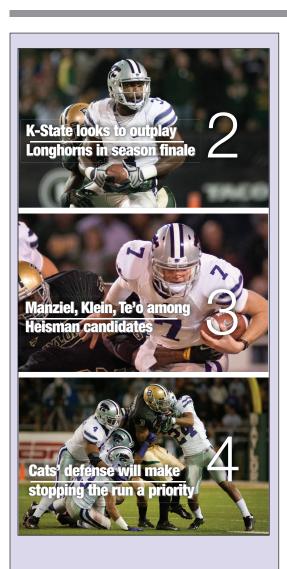


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# By the numbers

Nicholas Wahl

The number of wins by K-State over the Texas Longhorns in Big 12 Conference play

The Wildcats are 6-2 against the Longhorns in Big 12 games. No other conference team — not including West Virginia and TCU who have only played Texas once in Big 12 play — has a better Big 12 record against the Longhorns.

The number of Wildcat seniors who will be suiting up for their final home game on Saturday

Collin Klein, Arthur Brown and Chris Harper lead a group of players that have been the backbone of K-State's football resurgence into their last hurrah at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Over the last four seasons the Wildcats are 33-16, including 20-4 thus far in 2011 and 2012.

K-State's total rushing yards in their upset loss to Baylor

If the Wildcats hope to top Texas on senior day they will have to get more production from the running game. The Longhorns are a likely victim, giving up over 200 yards rushing per game this year. K-State running back John Hubert is particularly due for a rebound as the junior has averaged just 44 yards per game in his last four outings.

The combined age of head coaches Bill Snyder and Mack

The two sages of Big 12 coaching, Snyder and Brown have a combined record of 318-126 between them to go along with 36 years of experience at their current schools.

Chris Harper's receiving yards over the course of the Wildcats' last five

Harper has caught 28 passes and averaged 94 yards per game for K-State over the past five games. That coupled with the potential of wideout Tyler Lockett being less than 100 percent in the Texas ballgame puts the pressure on both Harper and receiver Tramaine Thompson to come up big to give the Wildcats balance against Texas.

The last time pionship in

Coincidentally, that same year was the last time K-State lost a football game to Texas. It is unlikely that K-State can afford a loss to the Longhorns this time around. A Wildcat loss coupled with an Oklahoma win over TCU would give the Sooners sole claim to this year's title. The Wildcats knocked off then-No. 1 Oklahoma in the Dr. Pepper Big 12 Championship Game in Kansas City to win the 2003 title.

# Offense, Klein look to bounce back



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Junior wide receiver Tramaine Thompson returns the ball against Baylor in the first half of the Nov. 17 game in Waco, Texas. Thompson, also a kick returner, will look to exploit a Texas pass defense that has struggled this season.

Nicolas Wahl

From the start of then-No. 1 K-State's 24-52 loss at Baylor two weeks ago, it was apparent that something just wasn't right with the Wildcat offense.

The running game was stonewalled, held to just 76 rushing yards by a Bears defense that has spent the majority of the season at or near the bottom of the Big 12 rankings. Quarterback Collin Klein and running backs John Hubert and Angelo Pease struggled to find holes.

K-State's offensive line, depleted by injuries, struggled to create them. Head coach Bill Snyder, along with co-offensive coordinators Dana Dimel and Del Miller, abandoned the run game early, a scenario that few would have predicted earlier in the season.

Maybe it was the injuries, not only along the trenches, but the lingering effects of Klein being knocked out of the Oklahoma State game two weeks prior, coupled with losing stalwart safety Ty Zimmerman, that signaled the call for desperation and sent the K-State offense to the air two Saturdays ago.
It's unlikely that opposing

defenses have "figured out" the K-State offenses, so Wildcat fans will have to hope and pray that the time off last week was enough for K-State to right the ship and earn its first Big 12 Championship since 2003.

Or maybe, the Wildcats just played poorly.

No matter the reason, if K-State hopes to bounce back this weekend as No. 18 Texas comes to town, the Wildcats will have to recapture the dominating running game that they've displayed for much of the season. Texas is just the type of opponent that is likely to allow a big performance on the ground.

"We definitely need to get back on track. There is definitely that mentality. I do not know if I would call it anger," Klein said in a press conference on Tuesday. "Our last two performances have not been stellar. There is definitely a lot of motivation there. I do not know what you want to classify it as, but there is definitely some emotional motivation."

The Longhorns, who many experts predicted to be the toughest defense in the Big 12, have struggled mightily against the run. Their 201 yards allowed per game is worst in the conference. They gave up rushing 239 yards to a TCU team that averaged 161 per game this year.

Even with the poor showing against Baylor, K-State is averaging 202 yards on the ground for the season. It is a combination that should spell success for the Wildcat offense, not only with rushing yards but opening up the passing game as well.

When K-State abandoned the running game against Baylor a nationally televised audience saw the vulnerability of a K-State offense that lacked the balance it had become accustomed to playing with.

The normally accurate and efficient Klein was just 27-of-50 passing. He threw for 286 yards, but his two touchdown game was marred by three interceptions. Baylor sacked him twice and hit the quarterback 10 times in the ballgame.

It was all a far cry from the usual performance from Klein who leads the Big 12 in pass efficiency and came into the Baylor game completing 70 percent of his passes with a 12-to-3 touchdown to interception ratio.

While the Longhorns have had trouble stopping the run they still possess a menacing pass rush. They've sacked opposing quarterbacks 23 times this season, which ranks second in the Big 12 behind K-State, adding yet another reason for the Wildcats to rediscover the running game that has been their backbone for most of the season.

"We have a lot to play for, and I think the guys understand that. That break was good," said senior wide receiver Chris Harper. "We needed to step back. I think the guys needed it to reflect on where we are at in the season and I think that it helps where it was during the season."

### Snyder: Texas' QB change will not alter team's preparation

Corbin McGuire

The No. 23 Texas Longhorns are left with a lot of motivational opportunities despite losing to TCU last week, which ended any chance for the Longhorns (8-3, 5-3) to capture a share of the Big

12 Championship.
Still up for grabs in the Longhorns' game against K-State Saturday is the possibility of a 10-win season, grabbing their sixth straight road win and putting any notion of K-State owning" the state of Texas to rest — for this season at least.

The Wildcats have bested the Longhorns in their last four meetings, and six of the last eight going even further back in the series that dates back to

"We've been fortunate. It's been good fortune," said head coach Bill Snyder of the Wildcats' recent success against the Longhorns. "Texas is a dominant football program. You have to have good fortune to beat teams like that."

In the NCAA, the Longhorns boast the 33rd best offense in terms of yardage per game but, as head coach Mack Brown announced earlier this week, they will be without quarterback David Ash against the Wildcats.

With the exception of last week, the Longhorns have been among some of the best teams in terms of turnover margins. Coming into last week's game at No. 39, the Longhorns let that number slide after committing four turnovers against the Horned Frogs.

Case McCoy, brother of former Longhorn quarterback Colt McCoy, will start in place of Ash, who has passed for nearly



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Texas sophomore Malcolm Brown runs the ball against the Wildcats last season in Austin. Brown combines with Joe Bergeron and Jonathan Gray to form one of the best trios in all of the country rushing the ball.

2,500 yards this season.

McCoy has seen action in seven games this season. He's completed 28 of 42 passes for four touchdowns and only one interception for a quarterback rating of 174.93.

Snyder said the change at quarterback for the Longhorns doesn't alter much from a preparation standpoint.

On defense, middle linebacker Steve Edmond, who has racked up a team-high of 92 tackles this year, leads the Longhorns. Anchoring the Longhorns' defensive line, senior defensive end Alex Okafor ranks

third the Big 12 with eight sacks. The Wildcats, who have allowed five sacks in the past two games, are well aware of what the Longhorns are capable of in terms of pressuring the quarter-

"They have a good range to them. They're very physical and they run well," Snyder said of the Longhorns' front four. "They don't stand still very often. That carries over throughout the entire 11 guys that they have on defense. They all run well. They're very mobile and very

Collin Klein, whose chance at a Heisman title will likely come down to his performance in Saturday's game, isn't taking the Longhorns lightly.

"They are a good team. They have some very fine athletes, Klein said. "They can run around and run to the football. It is going to take some good effort."



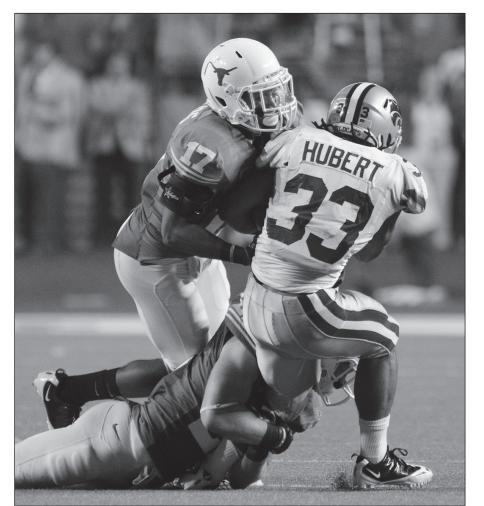
# MATCHING UP





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Senior wide receiver **Chris Harper** catches the ball against Baylor on Nov. 17 in Waco, Texas. Harper finished the game with 123 yards and one touchdown as the Wildcats fell for their first loss on the season.



Tommy Theis | Collegian

Texas' Adrian Phillips helps bring down junior running back John Hubert in last season's 17-13 loss to the Wildcats. Phillips had an interception in the Longhorns' game last week against TCU and will be counted on to play a spy role from his safety spot against Klein.

Adam Suderman

# Texas rush offense vs. K-State rush defense

Due to a mediocre and upand-down passing game, the rushing attack of the Longhorns has been their most consistent option for much of the season. Anchored by the two-headed attack of sophomore Joe Bergeron and freshman Johnathan Gray, the Longhorns will do everything they can to exploit K-State with this fast and strong duo.

Bergeron has tallied 16 touchdowns this season, including five against Baylor. At a solid 6 feet 1 inch tall and 230 pounds, Bergeron will be seen in nearly every short yardage situation.

Coming off of their worst performance of the season, K-State still finds itself ranked in the top 20 in the country in their ability to contain the run, only giving up an average of 121 yards per game. The unit will be challenged by Texas but don't expect it to budge.

ADVANTAGE: K-State

# Texas pass offense vs. K-State pass defense

The mystery of the Texas quarterback situation has been an ongoing saga for over a year. The Longhorns went back and forth between David Ash and backup Case McCoy, who will be started this Catanday.

be starting this Saturday.

The consistency of the two have been as chaotic as any quarterback duo in the country.
Ash was pulled in the first half of Texas' Thanksgiving loss to TCU

due to injury, and it appears as if he has run out of opportunities to lead the team.

With McCoy taking the field against the Wildcats on Saturday, the Longhorns will be going with the less seasoned of the two and will likely take pressure off of him by relying on the run. McCoy struggles when forced to move out of the pocket, so expect the Wildcat front seven to put plenty of pressure on the innion.

Junior wide receiver Mike Davis, who leads the team with 654 receiving yards, and sophomore Jaxon Shipley will be the top threats on the outside but will likely be used primarily in pass-required situations.

The loss of Wildcat junior safety Ty Zimmerman to injury proved to be huge against Baylor when K-State had to face one of the country's top quarterback and wide receiver combinations in Nick Florence and Terrance Williams. After a bye week, expect the Wildcat secondary to bounce back and contain the Longhorns through the air

ADVANTAGE: K-State

# K-State rush offense vs. Texas rush defense

The pure athleticism of the Texas' defense is off the charts, but unfortunately for all who support the burnt orange, the athleticism hasn't translated to results on the football field. The Longhorns have the 103rd-ranked rush defense in the country, giving up an average of 201 yards per game. That mark puts them in dead last in the

conference.

Through the past two seasons, Collin Klein has controlled the line of scrimmage against a

Longhorn defense that statistically was much greater than this year's unit. An experienced and hungry offensive line led by its senior quarterback will help guide K-State to a great game on the ground.

ADVANTAGE: K-State

### K-State pass offense vs. Texas pass defense

Baylor did what no other team has been able to do all season against the Wildcats, and put them in numerous third down and long situations. Although Klein has shown an improved throwing ability this season, long third down conversions don't fit his style mechanically or the offense schemati-

Texas is deep in the secondary, anchored by senior safety Kenny Vaccaro and junior cornerback Carrington Byndom. It'll be crucial for K-State to keep itself in short yardage situations, allowing Klein to find receivers on shorter, easier routes.

Following a three-interception game, Klein ranks 18th in the nation in passing efficiency and his decision making against the aggressive Longhorn secondary will be crucial.

ADVANTAGE: Texas

### Special teams

No matter who takes the field against the Wildcats, it will be very difficult for any opponent to field a stronger special teams unit. The Wildcats are ranked No. 1 in both kickoff return and punt return average.

Sophomore wide receiver

and return specialist Tyler Lockett has been nursing an injury since K-State's Nov. 10 victory against TCU, but even without his health at 100 percent K-State is deep enough to hold against

the Longhorns.

Through conference play,
Texas has averaged a conference worst with 4.7 yards per
punt return and ranks fourth
in kickoff returns at 25.3 yards.
With strong talent at both
punter and kicker, expect K-

State to limit any opportunity for the Longhorns to make their presence known in special teams.

ADVANTAGE: K-State

### Prediction

With a Big 12 Conference championship on the line, K-State will be ready to deliver on Senior Day. Behind a muchimproved performance from Klein, Hubert and Angelo Pease, K-State will bring back its runfirst attack against a porous Longhorn rushing defense. Case McCoy will struggle to find rhythm against the Wildcats, giving K-State its first conference championship since 2003.

FINAL SCORE: K-State 34, Texas 14

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# Heisman Trophy watch: Manziel, Klein, Te'o left in race

John Zetmeir

Coming into the season, it was USC's senior quarterback Matt Barkley's Heisman to lose. Five games into the season, the Heisman Trophy was West Virginia's senior quarterback Geno Smith's to lose. Until Nov. 17 against Baylor, the Heisman Trophy was K-State's senior quarterback Collin Klein's to lose. What do all three of these guys have in common? They all lost their best chance to win the Heisman Trophy.

The only one of those three that still has a shot is Klein, the player who I think is still very deserving of the prestigious award, not only for what he does on the field, but for how he carries himself off of the field.

The biggest threat to Klein hoisting the bronze statue? Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel. You can't argue with what Manziel has done on the field. When it comes to statistics, he's got no competitor in the country.

Last season, Robert Griffin III had a great season, but what ultimately won him the Heisman Trophy was his key victory over Oklahoma. I think that the same case applies to Manziel this season. Take his stats, then add the impressive road victory against then-No. I Alabama, and I think that will ultimately be enough for Manziel to steal the trophy from Klein.

I am not going to sugarcoat this one. If Manziel wins the Heisman Trophy, it will leave a bad taste in my mouth. The Heisman Trophy should be about more than just what happens on the field, but also what happens off of it.

If you Google the name Johnny Manziel, you can find a lot of information about the young star from Texas A&M. But do you know what else you can find? A mug shot from when he was arrested and pictures of him in a Scoopy Doo outfit, posing with girls who are in lingerie. Why do I mention this? Is that someone who should get to represent the Heisman fraternity?

Klein and Notre Dame senior linebacker Manti Te'o are who I think are the two most deserving candidates. These are two players who exemplify the meaning of a Heisman Trophy winner both on and off of the field.

Klein has a led the Wildcats to a 10-1 record with a chance to earn a BCS bowl bid this weekend if he can lead the Wildcats to a win over Texas. Te'o has been the anchor of Notre Dame's superb defense which helped lead the Fighting Irish to a 12-0 record and a guaranteed spot in the BCS National Championship game.

Neither Manziel nor Te'o play this weekend, but Klein does. There is said to be a number of voters who apparently won't vote for a freshman or a defensive player, so, for them, Klein may already be the top choice. For anyone who doesn't think it belongs to Klein, he has one more chance to win votes.

Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Senior linebacker **Collin Klein** scores a touchdown in the third quarter against the Baylor Bears on Nov. 17 in Waco, Texas. Klein threw for 286 yards and two touchdowns, but also threw three interceptions. He will look to have a big game against Texas to redeem his chances of winning the Heisman Trophy.



## Pick 'em















# K-State's defense ready for different challenge from 'Horns



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Senior linebacker **Arthur Brown** (4), senior defensive back **Jarard Milo** (23) and senior cornerback **Nigel Malone** (24) wrap up Baylor's **Lache Seastrunk**, sophomore running back, as he tries to carry the ball on Nov. 17 in Waco, Texas. Malone has three interceptions on the season, tied for second on the team.

Mark Kern sports editor

K-State's defense proven to be very stout all season, but two weeks ago the line was unable to slow down the Baylor Bears' high-flying attack, allowing 52 points in

the upset. Much of the team's difficulty was due to the loss of Ty Zimmerman, who has been outstanding from his safety position. Against the Texas Longhorns, the K-State offense does not have the big-time play-making ability necessary to attack through the air and will look to run the ball instead, playing to the Wildcats' strengths.

On the season, the Wildcats have given up 121.5 yards per game on the ground, which ranks 18th in the country and second in the Big 12 Conference. The leader of the defense all season has been senior Arthur Brown, who has 80 tackles on the season to lead the team.

At Tuesday's press conference, Brown talked about how coming to K-State has helped him mature, and the emotions he will have of playing in his final home game.

"It relates a lot to my on-field play as well. Basing it off my performance, I would say that I have grown and exceeded the levels that I could even imagine," Brown said. "I thank God for the opportunity that he

gave me here. It really helped me being around a great group of guys and a great leader such as coach Snyder. That really transformed me and molded me into the person I am today."

One person who has a healthy respect for the Wildcats' defense is Texas head coach Mack Brown. Brown, who has not beaten K-State since 2003, talked at his Monday press conference about what makes this K-State defense so hard to score on.

"They're stopping the run on defense and forcing you to throw it," Brown said. "Getting long downs, forcing turnovers. [They have forced] 28 turnovers. That's just unbelievable."
The Longhorns will bring a

dominant rushing attack to K-State, along with three runners (Joe Bergeron, Malcom Brown and Johnathan Gray) who are all more than capable of going over 100 yards in any game.

With sophomore quarterback Case McCoy now starting over David Ash, expect the Longhorns to rely even more on the running game. Though McCoy has some experience, nothing is quite like a cold December night game at Bill Snyder Family Stadium with a Big 12 title on the line.

The defense has had two weeks off since K-State's jarring loss to Baylor to put the defeat behind them and focus their preparation on Texas. On Saturday, we will see what this defense is truly made of.

# Loss to Longhorns would cripple K-State's season but appears unlikely

John Zetmeir staff writer

When you think of teams that K-State has been successful against over the years, it may surprise people that Texas makes the list. When it comes to the gridiron, K-State has the Longhorns' number.

The Longhorns play in a stadium that seats over 100,000 people, has virtually

limitless funds from boosters, alumni and land and a top 10 recruiting class every season. On paper, it looks like a David versus Goliath matchup, where Texas should be coming out on top.

The K-State Wildcats play in Bill Snyder Family Stadium which seats about 50,000 people, never breaks the top-25 when it comes to recruiting classes and is located in eastern Kansas. However, the Longhorns haven't beaten the Wildcats since 2003. K-State has won the last four meetings including six of the last eight games since the Big 12 was formed.

This Saturday there's a lot on the line when K-State matches up with the Longhorns for their final game of the regular season. With a win, K-State will win the Big 12 conference, punching a ticket for the Fiesta Bowl and could help propel Senior quarterback Collin Klein to win the Heisman trophy.

With a loss K-State's 10-0 start will not feel as good for fans as it did three weeks ago. The Wildcats could finish with a 10-2 record and potentially fall out of the top 10. A loss also means no BCS bowl, no conference championship, no

Heisman trophy and the same record that they finished the 2011 regular season with. Texas enters the game

ranked No.18 in the country. Coming off of last week's loss to TCU, the Longhorns would like nothing more than to ruin BCS hopes for K-State.

K-State's head coach Bill Snyder and Texas' head coach Mack Brown share a mutual respect for one another. Brown

often calls Snyder the best coach in the country. With back-to-back double digit win seasons for the Wildcats, it's hard to argue Brown's state-

K-State could earn back a lot of hype with a big win over the Longhorns this weekend. With it being the primetime game on ABC, there's bound to be a lot of televisions tuned into the game around the country.



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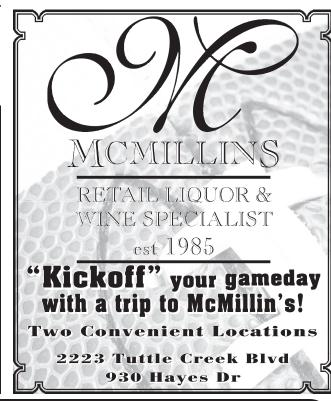
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# Games to watch: winner takes all in SEC title game

Mark Kern sports editor WITH NOTRE DAME CAPPING OFF AN UNDEFEATED SEASON WITH A 22-13 VICTORY OVER USC LAST SATURDAY, IT IS PRETTY CLEAR THAT THE TEAM WILL BE HEADING TO THE BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, WITH EITHER GEORGIA OR ALABAMA JOINING THEM. HOWEVER, THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF BCS BERTHS TO BE DETERMINED.





### PAC-12: NO. 16 UCLA AT NO. 8 **STANFORD**

These two teams will be playing for the second time in six days. Last time, Stanford thumped the Bruins 35-17 behind a dominating defensive performance, earning talk of a trip to the Rose Bowl. If the Bruins are going to earn a berth in the Rose Bowl, then senior running back Johnathan Franklin is going to have to get going.

Against the Cardinal last Saturday, Franklin was only able to manage 65 yards on 21 carries. Without Franklin putting up big numbers, the passing attack led by Brett Hundley could not exploit the Cardinal down the

field. The offense must play much better, as they are going up against a team that may be

playing better than anybody else in the country.

In what was supposed to be a down year for the Cardinal, Stanford has taken their program to an even higher level. If it wasn't for a bad call in a matchup versus Notre Dame, they could be playing for a national title berth. They have been that good. Even without Andrew Luck, they have been able to play great offense, led by senior

running back Stepfan Taylor. Unlike Franklin, Taylor had a monster game last Saturday with 142 yards and two touchdowns, also helping the Cardinal dominate the time of possession. On the season, Taylor had 1,364 yards and has proven to be one of the best running backs in the country. Look for the Cardinal to use him a lot against the

Beating a team twice in the same season is never easy, especially twice in six days. However, with how this Stanford team is playing under the leadership of coach of the year candidate David Shaw, the Cardinal will win the Pac-12 title.





### BIG TEN: NO. 12 NEBRASKA VS. WISCONSIN IN INDIANAPOLIS

These two teams last met on Sept. 29 as the Cornhuskers came back from a 17-0 deficit to win a 30-27 thriller, led by junior quarterback Taylor Martinez, who finished the game with 288 total yards and three touchdowns. The Cornhuskers got a boost on offense this past week as well, getting senior run-ning back Rex Burkhead back

from injury.

With Burkhead healthy, one of the most dangerous rushing duos in all of the country is back. He and Martinez complement each other as Burkhead gets the tough yards, while Martinez has the speed to take any run the distance. They will provide the Badgers a tough test, though Wisconsin counters with one of the most successful running

backs in college history.
Senior running back Montee
Ball has 4,838 rushing yards and 79 rushing touchdowns, the latter which is the most in NCAA history. Even without quarterback Russell Wilson, who left for the NFL, Ball has been able to have a huge year despite defenses loading the box with eight, sometimes nine guys. In the team's first matchup, Ball finished the game with

93 yards, but also had to run the ball 31 times. The Badgers line must give him more room to run the ball, if they want to get the victory.

Both teams have a lot to

prove. Nebraska can finally prove they belong in the Big Ten, while Wisconsin, who despite finishing behind Ohio State and Penn State (both of whom are ineligible for postseason play) are playing to prove that they deserve to be there. Look for a hard-fought Big Ten classic football game, and Nebraska to finally do what they need to get to the Rose Bowl.





### SEC: NO. 2 ALABAMA VS. NO. 3 GEORGIA IN NEW ORLEANS

After the loss to Texas A&M, it appeared that the Alabama Crimson Tide would not be able to defend their national title. However, after the teams ahead of them fell victim to the upset bug, Alabama is once again in control of their own destiny to defend their national

However, it is not all good news in Tuscaloosa, as junior wide receiver Kenny Bell (25.4 vards per catch) broke his leg in the victory over Auburn. This will put a lot more of the pressure on the defense, who has to slow down one of the best quarterbacks in the country in

Georgia's Aaron Murray. Murray has thrown for 3,201

yards and 30 touchdowns, and has really found a rhythm the last four games, where he has thrown 13 touchdowns and zero interceptions. While Murray is the leader of the offense, the defense is led by junior defensive end Jarvis

Jones has had a very interesting career to say the least. He started out at USC, but had a heart problem that the USC doctors thought was too serious for him to play, so they never cleared him. He finally found a home in Athens, Ga., and the rest is history.

Jones has 10.5 sacks, and has had a knack to be at his best in the biggest games, with three of those sacks coming in the huge victory over Florida.

Both of these teams understand the magnitude of this game, with the winner going to the national title, while the loser will most likely fall to the Capital One Bowl, which would be a huge disappointment.

In the end, coach Mark Richt vill finally get Georgia to the next level, beating the Crimson Tide in a close one, moving on to take on Notre Dame in the national championship.





### NO. 11 OKLAHOMA AT TCU

The Sooners are the only other team besides K-State that could win the Big 12 Conference, but they first have to take care of a dangerous TCU team. The game also marks the final regular season game of Landry Jones' career, who has had one of the most up-and-down careers in recent history.

Every good game he has had has been followed up with a performance that frustrated fans. However, Jones showed the world last Saturday why he can be one of the best in the country.

Jones threw for 500 yards and three touchdowns in the thrilling 51-48 overtime victory over Oklahoma State in the Bedlam game. He will be put to the test though, going up against one of the top defensive end duos in the country in Stansly Maponga and Devonte While the defense as a

whole is very impressive for the Horned Frogs, the defensive ends flat out go after the quarterback. If there is one thing that has really gotten to Jones, it is when the defense is able to get pressure on him. He must be able to handle the pressure if he wants to lead the Sooners to a victory.

While Oklahoma needs K-State to lose to have a chance at the Big 12, the Sooners still have a very high possibility to receive a bid in the Sugar Bowl. Kent State is also a possibility to earn the berth, but face a very tough test in Northern Illinois. If the Sooners can win this game, they will have a very compelling case, with their only two losses coming from the No.1 and No. 6 teams in the country.

for Oklahoma to do Look enough to survive a very difficult road game, and to remain a very likely candidate to go to a BCS bowl.



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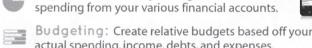
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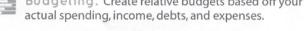
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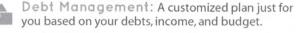
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### Texas quarterbacks at heart of team's success; Case McCoy remains untested

**Adam Suderman** 

The difference between good and great Texas teams in the past quite simply comes down to who is playing center.

When quarterback Vince Young took over for Chance Mock in 2004, the Texas Longhorns, along with Oklahoma, established themselves as the conference's elite. Little changed when Colt McCoy stepped in as Young's replacement in 2006.

As the team enters its third year since Colt McCoy's departure, Texas has continued its struggle to regain the level of dominance it held for so many years.

Neither David Ash nor Case McCoy, Colt's younger brother, has been able to claim the starting job with clear authority.

After suffering an injury against TČU on Thanksgiving night, David Ash is out against K-State, putting the pressure squarely on the shoulders of McCoy. The junior has yet to start a game this season but has seen action as a backup in five

K-State's ability to force turnovers on the defensive side of the ball will be crucial against the Longhorn junior.

McCoy is coming off a game which he completed 11 out of 17 pass attempts for 110 yards, but a very poor throw on the Longhorns' final drive kept them from grasping a chance to tie the game. McCoy has completed 28 passes out of 42 attempts on the season for 408 yards with his lone interception coming last week against TCU.

Texas head coach Mack Brown has confidence in McCoy, saying it simply comes down to offensive control.

"I think the biggest thing is take care of the ball," Brown said. "He came in late against Kansas State and did some great things last year. He was able to win on the road at A&M last year, but had turnovers at Baylor. He needs to protect the ball."

Although some argue whether Ash or McCoy is better, K-State head coach Bill Snyder said that the game plan doesn't change for the Wildcat defense with either quarterback.

"As far as our preparation for the University of Texas with their two quarterbacks, we do not really find a significant amount of difference," Snyder said. "I do not think Texas did either. It is just they had to put somebody on the field. I think they feel equally comfortable with both of

On the other hand, Brown sees little change with Snyder's coaching style at this point of his career.

"They're going to play pretty basic defense, make you beat them," Brown said. "They're just a very sound, solid football team with a lot of good players. They're No. 1 in the country in punt return, kickoff return and turnover ratio. That's pretty good stuff. That's why they're winning."



Junior quarterback Case McCoy hands the ball off to sophomore running back Joe Bergeron in last year's 17-13 loss to K-State. McCoy filled in for David Ash in the Longhorns' loss to TCU on Thanksgiving Day, making 11 of 17 pass attempts, and will be the starter as the Longhorns take on K-State at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Dec. 1.

## 'NCAA Football 13': K-State squeaks by Texas on last-second field goal

Nick Davis staff writer

The sixth-ranked K-State Wildcats play host to the 18thranked Texas Longhorns in the last home game of the season on Saturday. K-State was dethroned from the top spot in the BCS rankings by Baylor, which stunned the Wildcat nation by dominating the Wildcats in a 52-24 rout and removing them from the national title picture. Texas is also coming off of a 20-13 loss at the hands

However, all is not lost for the Wildcats; a win against Texas (or an Oklahoma loss) gives the Wildcats their second Big 12 Conference football championship. Will the Long-horns be able to crash the party? Or will K-State finish the season perfect at home and collect another Big 12 title? The Collegian's "NCAA Football 13" simulation could have the

1st Quarter - Both teams get off to a slow start on the offensive end, as they both are forced to punt on their first offensive possession. K-State is forced to punt deep in their own territory and Texas takes advantage of the good field position as kicker Anthony Fera

hits a 32-yard field goal, giving Texas an early 3-0 advantage.

K-State goes three and out and punts the ball away. Texas quarterback Case McCoy puts Texas within field goal range on a 13-yard completion to wide receiver Mike Davis, and another Fera field goal gives Texas a 6-0 lead.

The Wildcats get stuffed on a fourth-down play on their next possession, and the Longhorns get Fera's third field goal of the quarter, with Texas leading 9-0 as they head into the second quarter.

2nd Quarter - Quarterback Collin Klein starts to get into an offensive rhythm, converting four straight fourth downs to drive down the field, but the Wildcats are only able to get a field goal to cut the deficit to 9-3. After Klein goes out for a couple of plays with a bruised sternum and backup Daniel Sams fails to convert a third and 3, K-State punts with around two minutes left before

An encroachment penalty gives Texas a first down, but they fail on a third down conversion and punt the ball away. K-State has the ball with 27 seconds left and two timeouts remaining. Klein busts off a 16-yard run and K-State uses

their second timeout to stop the clock. Klein then connects with wide receiver Tyler Lockett on a 51-yard pass. After calling their final time-

out, K-State has the ball on the 6-yard line with four seconds remaining. Rather than take the 3 points, head coach Bill Snyder sends his offense onto the field. This pays off as Klein finds tight end Travis Tannahill in the back of the end zone for a 6-yard touchdown pass as time expires. The extra point is good and K-State takes a 10-9 lead into half.

**3rd Quarter -** Wildcats receive the ball. On third down, Klein keeps the ball on the quarterback read and appears to be taken down well before the first-down marker, but he spins away from safety Kenny Vaccaro and picks up a huge first down with a 15-yard run. Klein caps off the drive by hitting wide receiver Tramaine Thompson with a 12-yard touchdown strike to give K-State a 17-9 lead.

McCoy answers as he finds Davis near midfield, and Davis burns K-State's secondary and takes it to the house for a 75-yard touchdown catch and run. Texas attempts a 2-point conversion to tie the game but fails, and K-State leads 17-15.

The teams trade punts before Texas starts to get momentum at the K-State 30-yard line with second and inches as we head to the fourth quarter.

**4th Quarter -** Fera drills a 48-yard field goal to put Texas up 18-17 before K-State goes three and out and punts. K-State's defense stands strong and forces a punt. K-State drives but is forced to punt to Texas with seven minutes left in the game. Arthur Brown hammers running back Johnathan Gray in the backfield on third and short and forces Texas to punt.

K-State gets the ball back, six minutes away from losing the Big 12 title. It's fourth and short and Klein goes for a QB sneak but gets stood up, and the Longhorns take over on their own 48-yard line. K-State holds Texas and forces a punt, and the Wildcats get the ball at their own 25. On fourth and two, Klein fakes a handoff to running back Angelo Pease and runs it outside for a 21yard gain, breaking through a tackler on the way.

It's fourth and one at Texas' 30-yard line, and the offense is on the field with 30 seconds left. As the clock runs down, Klein attempts to draw Texas offside, but fails, and K-State takes a timeout with two seconds left in the game.

Anthony Cantele is sent out to try a game-winning 47-yard field goal, but Texas coach Mack Brown calls a timeout to try and ice the kicker. It doesn't work, as Cantele buries the field goal, sending the Wildcats to their second Big 12 championship and clinching a Tostitos Fiesta Bowl berth.

**Play of the Game -** Anthony Cantele drilling a clutch 47yard field goal for the win as time expires.

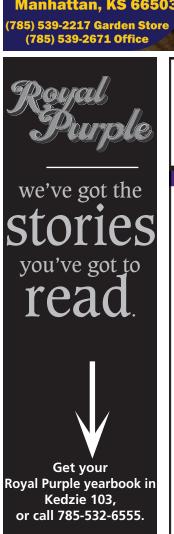
Player of the Game - Collin Klein. Klein stepped up and made big plays when his team needed it, converting numerous third down conversions with his legs and his arm. Klein went 13-of-21 passing for 173 yards and two touchdown. He also ran the ball 25 times for 141 yards, averaging 5.6 yards per carry and making his case on why he belongs in the Heis-

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